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Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Up 1 Percent in May

HARRISBURG, PA, Jun 24, 2011 --- Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during May 2011 totaled 101.3 million pounds, up 1 percent from May 2010, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 91.8 million pounds live weight, was down 2 percent from May 2010. Total head slaughtered was 78,200, up 3,800 head. Live weight averaged 1,187 pounds, down 88 pounds from last year. Veal production was 4.1 million pounds live weight, down very slightly from last year. Calf slaughter of 9,600 head was up 100 head from last year. Average live weight decreased 2 pounds to 430 pounds.

Pork production was 58.3 million pounds live weight, up 1 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 226,800, up 2,600 head from May 2010. Average live weight decreased by a pound from last year to 257 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production during May 2011 was 285,000 pounds live weight, down very slightly from a year ago. The number slaughtered was 2,900, unchanged from last year. Average live weight decreased by a pound to 97 pounds per head.

Nationally, commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in May 2011 totaled 3.91 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the 3.73 billion pounds produced in May 2010. Compared with a year earlier, beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.13 billion pounds, was up 2 percent. Veal production totaled 10.3 million pounds, up 2 percent from May a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.76 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 12.9 million pounds, was up 2 percent from May 2010.

January-May 2011 red meat production was 20.0 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 7 percent.

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